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SUBJECT: RPP DECIES AGAINST INTERNAL DEBATE ON SOVIET NON-AGGRESSION
PACT

1. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) DEPUTY MUSTAFA OK AND
FIVE COLLEAGUES AT AN RPP JOINT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP MEETING
APRIL 27 RESURRECTED THEIR LONG-STANDING PROPOSAL THAT THE
GROUP SCHEDULE A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ADVISABILITY OF A
TURKISH-SOVIET NON-AGGRESSION PACT. THEIR MOTION WAS DEFEATED
AFTER RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT REPORTEDLY STATED THAT AN
"OPPOSITION PARTY CANNOT GO INTO DETAILS ON SUCH A TOPIC.
IF WE COME TO POWER...WE WILL GET TOGETHER WITH THE GENERAL
STAFF (TGS)... AND THEY WILL EXAMINE THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS
AND WE THE POLITICAL ASPECTS."

2. HOWEVER, ECEVIT IS REPORTED TO HAVE NOTED THAT HIS
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OPPOSITION DID NOT MEAN THAT HE DID NOT VALUE FRIENDLY RELATIONS

WITH THE SOVIETS. ACCORDING TO CUMHURIYET, ECEVIT SAID, "I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT TURKEY MUST PRACTICE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING CONDUCT TOWARDS THE USSR, JUST AS SHE EXPECTS CONFIDENCE-INSPIRING BEHAVIOR FROM THE SOVIETS...WE ALSO SUPPORT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION..."

3. COMMENT: THE NON-AGGRESSION PACT DEBATE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN INITIATED BY OK ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, BUT AS YET HAS FAILED TO GAIN SUPPORT EXCEPT FROM THE PARTY'S DISSIDENT LEFT-WING FACTION.
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